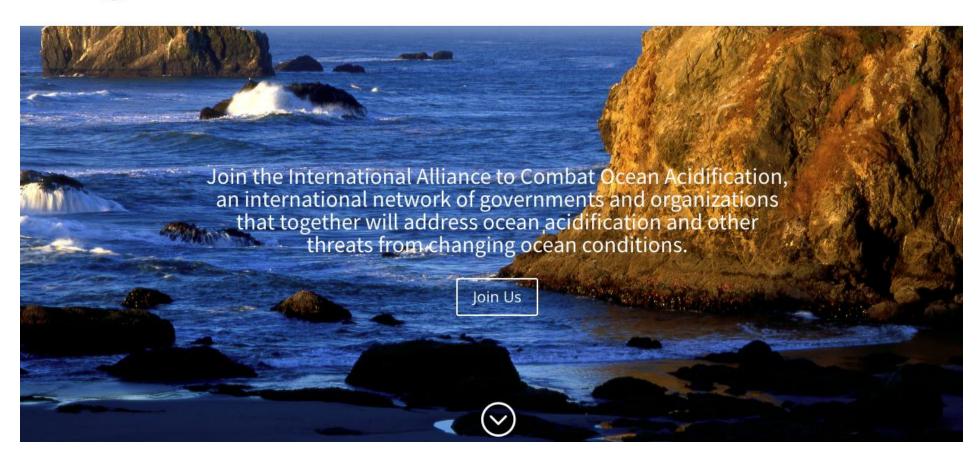
### International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification







- Announced formation in September 2016
- Officially launched in December 2016
- The Alliance brings together jurisdictions across the globe to highlight ocean acidification as an immediate threat to coastal economies and ocean ecosystems in their region, and consider solutions.







#### **Objectives**

#### **Build Coalition**

## Advance OA Action Plans

Elevate
OA in Climate
Agreements

- Collaborate with other ocean groups (Under 2 MOU, others)
- Attend international ocean conferences
- Recruitment of new members and affiliates

- Action Toolkit
- Webinars and Support
- Letter of Commitment (Aug Sept 2017)
- Developing OA Action Plan

- Attend International ocean conferences (COP 23, others)
- Participate in partner efforts (Ocean Climate Platform, others)
- Work with OA Alliance members

### Report out from the UN Ocean Conference

- OA Alliance Voluntary Commitment
  - 60 members by June 2018/15 OA Action Plans by June 2019
- CA Voluntary Commitments as well as Washington and Oregon
- OA Alliance Side Event
  - Participation from: Chile, France, Tuvalu, the State of California, the State of Washington, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Taylor Shellfish and Scripps Institute
  - Featured: Global Responses to changing ocean conditions, Alarm bells on the US West Coast forewarning impacts globally, OA Action Plans

International Alliance to

**Combat Ocean Acidification** 

#### **New Members**

- The United Arab Emirates
- The Nisqually Tribe
- Tuvalu
- New Zealand Ocean Acidification Community
- University Cote D'Azur
- J. Hunter Pearls
- University of Otago
- Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute





## Looking Ahead - COP23 and other events

- Our Ocean Conference 2017, Malta, October 2017
  - Exploring best approaches to engagement, following-up on 2016 announcement to form the OA Alliance
- COP23, Bonn, November 2017
  - Participating in key side events, hosting an OA Alliance side event, participation in COP "Oceans Day", other opportunities?
- California Global Climate Action Summit, September 2018
  - Aiming to showcase California's leadership on ocean and climate



# Letter of Commitment, Member Profiles, and Action Plans

- Letter of Commitment formalized way to join OA Alliance
  - Template being finalized now, will be on website soon and shared with members
  - Asking members to sign and return by late Aug -Sept 2017
- Asking for a member profile which will help OA Alliance better serve and engage members and track progress
- CA Action Plan aims to be inclusive, well-vetted, outline current, near and long-term strategy, be released as a model for other Alliance members



# Thank you to all of our current and interested members, and champions!



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